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January 21, 2003

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for authorization and approval of the issue and sale of long-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$105 million in principal, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, and exemption from the competitive bidding requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15, D.T.E. 02-49

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find the Attorney General's First Set of Document and Information Requests; Appearance of Counsel; and a Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

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